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SUBJECT: GULF PLANS TO DRILL IN EAST CHINA SEA

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1. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE COPY OF GULF 1969 AGREEMENT ON PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, AND GULF KOREA HAS RETIRED ITS COPY TO JAPAN OFFICE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY RECORDS OF GULF BRIEFINGS AT THE TIME AND RECOLLECTION OF JACK HARBOUGH, MANAGER OF GULF KOREA, IS THAT THERE IS NO LEGAL OBLIGATION UNDER AGREEMENT TO DRILL. INSTEAD AGREEMENT APPARENTLY SIMPLY CALLS FOR MINIMUM EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE OF 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS DURING CURRENT THIRD PHASE, I.E., APRIL 1974 - APRIL 1977. EXPLORATION CAN PRESUMABLY COMPRISE NO MORE THAN SURVEYS AND SEISMIC WORK, AND MINIMUM EXPENDITURE APPARETNLY APPLIES TO ZONES 2 AND 4 COMBINED, WITH NO MINIMUM FOR JUST ZONE FOUR, CURRENTLY AT ISSUE.

2. AS DEPT AWARE, GULF DRILLED TWO DRY HOLES IN ZONE 2 IN 1973 (DURING PHASE TWO OF AGREEMENT).

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